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SUBJECT: SWEDISH REPROCESSING NEGOTIATIONS

1. ON MAY 18 A SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICIAL VISITED PARIS EMBASSY ERDA REP'S OFFICE TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATIONS ON U.S. NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY. DURING DISCUSSIONS HE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.
2. COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS OF A LONG-TERM REPROCESSING CONTRACT FOR FUEL SPENT IN SWEDISH REACTORS ARE PROGRESSING SLOWLY AND THEIR CONCLUSION IS NOT EXPECTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER. THE REPROCESSORS HAVE A COMMON POSITION AND OFFER TOUGH TERMS, BUT INSIST ON SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.
3. L. LEIFLAND, HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT IN THE SWEDISH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, IS EXPECTED IN PARIS

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ON MAY 24 FOR A MEETING WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

4. ON JUNE 7 A SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION WILL BE IN PARIS TO DISCUSS INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASPECTS OF THE COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING NEGOTIATED FOR NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING AND STORAGE (AT LEAST SOLIDIFICATION).

5. SWEDISH OFFICIALS ARE DISTURBED BY THE U.S. "NEED TO REPROCESS" REQUIREMENT. THE CONCERN IS THAT IN EFFECT THEY MAY BE PENALIZED FOR GOOD PLANNING AND FORETHOUGHT TO CONSTRUCT EXTENSIVE SPENT FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES.

6. THE POSITION ON REPROCESSING OF THE SWEDISH MINISTER FOR ENERGY IS NOT KNOWN AND MAY BE DETERMINING. HE WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE JUNE 7 PARIS DISCUSSIONS, THUS LEAVING OPEN FUTURE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT OPTIONS.
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